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From The Deputy Commissioner Kolar

No. 732 Dated 8.1.1919 Received 10.1.19

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards a copy of the ad-
of the Food Controller requesting
Kolar District maps with
the receipt of Despatching
the Maps.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

In accordance with the
and mines statement prepared
the Kolar District has to supply
7000 tons of ragi to the
The D.C. now states that the

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for the whole district
worked out to only 170
approximately.

He further
that even this surplus
likely to be taken away
other districts since all
restrictions on the interna
trade by road have been remove
by the G.O. dated 1.1.19
Submitted with ref. Sp.

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11/1/1919

May the Revenue
Commr be consulted?
Check leg.) UJ 11/1/19

In perusal
We might await T.C's repre
through Rev Commr.

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There needs reference
to District Collectorate

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Kolar, 8th January, 1919.

From 21181

B. Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District, Kolar.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed to the Food Controller in Mysore, together with its enclosure. I request that you will kindly release the Kolar District from the necessity of supplying 7000 tons to other Districts.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District,
Dated Kolar, the 6th January, 1919.

Venkoba Rao, Esq., B.A.
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Kolar.

To

The Food Controller in Mysore,

Bangalore.

S i r

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.1796 dated the 2nd instant asking me whether I can now give you from my district the quantity of ragi as shown available, I have the honor to state that the Return of Stocks of Food Grains prescribed in Government Order No. G. 9378-432--P.P. 134-18-26 dated the 25th November 1918, has just been submitte to the Revenue Commissioner. The return for the Mulbagal Tal had not been received but to avoid further delay the available figures were given.

2. From the above return I find that a total population of 6,27,479 has 3,07,561 pallas of ragi. The requirements of the district for three months as given by the several Amildars, wo out to 2,90,508 pallas. The surplus for the whole district thus 17,053 pallas of ragi. But entering into the details of the accounts I find that this surplus is only imaginary. Eithe for commandeering or for purchase by peaceful negotiations, th stock-holders will have to be left at the rate of 2 pallas per head for each member of the family and the balance only could be taken. This factor has not been taken into account in calculating the surplus available and the stock-holders and their family also have been allowed only half a palla per head Even at the modest estimate that only five per cent of the tot population constitute the stock-holders, their family and thei dependents, the number comes to 31,374. Calculating at the

rate of 1½ pallas of ragi, being the balance out of the two pallas allowed by the rules, to each of these persons the so-called surplus would be a deficit by nearly double that quantity. I know I am speaking from figures and that in actual working there would be many stock-holders from whom ragi could be taken. But if it is a question of equitable distribution of stocks within the district there would be no surplus left. It might be that in some instances the stock is underestimated and it might be possible to get some stock for being sent out to places where the pinch is more acqute than here. But such quantity cannot have any comparison to the 7000 tons required from this district.

3. In accordance with the instructions received, the Amildars had been directed to commandeer stocks from persons holding large stocks, without waiting for the completion of the Return of Stocks. But so far they have not been able to commandeer more than 2077 pallas of ragi. Most of this stock has been utilised locally and there is no appreciable surplus left. The Press Communique issued by Government and the latest order doing away with the restrictions regarding the traffic by road of food grains, appear to strongly discourage commandeering, ifnot, altogether do away with it. The Revenue Commissioner's instructions are that when the stock-holders offer their surplus stock voluntarily they should be paid at a higher rate than the commandeering rate. By the advice of Government officers stock-holders are selling to the merchants up to Rs.55/- per cart-load in the village itself. Any purchase by Government will also have to be made at about this rate Besides, cart-hire, trainage, cost of gunny bags, wastage, etc. have to be borne. The cost might become prohibitively high at the place of delivery.

4. The price of rice has not improved and consequ
in the Kolar Gold Fields the consumption of ragi has ir

In this connection I enclose for your information a copy of the extract from the diary of the Inspector General of Police. We have not been able to meet the demand for ragi on the Fields Mr. Ahmad Sait of the English-War House, has purchased 1550 candies of ragi in the Hoskote Taluk for supplying the Kolar Gold Fields. In the Chickballapur and Bagepalli Taluks there has been so much difficulty for ragi that the price fixed had to be changed from 11 to 10 seers per rupee. The Revenue Commissioner during his recent visit to Chickballapur, after ascertaining the local conditions, was pleased to write to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, not to interfere with the normal traffic of ragi from the Doddaballapur Taluk to the taluks of Chickballapur and Goribidnur. Since the restrictions regarding traffic by road have been removed, any merchant of any district might come to my district and try and purchase ragi if he can. There will not be any objection to his taking all the ragi he purchases.

5. The coming harvest of ragi will not bring in more than 3 to 4 annas of crop It cannot now be predicted what turn, things will take after March next.

6. I have given this long reply with a view that you might know the actual state of affairs. Under the aforesaid cumstances if you would please let me know what you expect of me I would most willingly co-operate with you and do my best.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) B. Venkoba Rao,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

Sure

"Copy"

B. Venkoba Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar Dist.

Extract from the diary of the Inspector General of Pol for 5th December 1918.

Arrived at Bowringpet by the Passengar Train. Inspected the Town Station and the Railway Station Goods shed and discussed with the Deputy Commissioner, the Superintendent of Police, Kolar Gold Fields and Kolar District, the Special Magistrate and the Amildar the arrangements to be made for frontier patrol of the Bowringpet and Malur Taluks.

On the Kolar Gold Fields, ragi is much more largely consumed than rice. People accustomed to eat rice have taken to ragi as the latter commodity is selling cheaper than the former. No stock is taken of the requirements of the Fields and ragi is being indiscriminately indented upon. At this rate, the stock of ragi in Bowringpet etc., will be depleted in no time. It seems to me that the exact requirements of ra and rice should be ascertained and only the minimum quantity required should be indented upon.

Mir Humza Hussein,
Inspector General of Police.

"C o p y"

(Sd.) P. Mahadevayya,
For Revenue Commissioner

"C o p y"

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.